

## NEGROES DENY STORY

Negroes of DeKalb, Texas, Make Affidavit Regarding Indorsement of Cone Johnson.

On the eve of the election, and when it is too late to contradict them, you can look for a flood of campaign lies. One of the latest is the reported meetings of negroes over the state, and the indorsement of the Hon. Cone Johnson because of his reported views on the negro question (another campaign lie which was promptly nailed by Johnson and his neighbors.) The following appeared in the Fort Worth Record and Houston Post, under DeKalb date:

"We the negroes here in convention assembled, recognize Hon. Cone Johnson as our best friend, who has the mind, courage and heart to defend our down-trodden race and proclaim to the world our equal right with our white brother in our educational advantages. That he publicly supports that fair and just principle that the white and negro race should be educated by white teachers. We recommend that our republican chairman, Hon. Cecil A. Lyon, and others advocate that the republican party of Texas do accept the nomination of the Waco convention, headed by the Hon. Cone Johnson as our ticket and pledge to the Waco ticket the vote of the negroes of Texas, as we of the South will pledge our vote to our great defender, Foraker. We urge the negroes of Texas to at once call mass meetings and pledge their support to the ticket headed by Cone Johnson."

The following denial by the negroes whose names were signed to the above was published in the Dallas-Galveston News:

DeKalb, Texas, April 27.—The state of Texas, county of Bowie. Before me, T. B. Lenox, a notary public in and for Bowie county, Texas, on this day personally appeared Henry Sims, P. B. Bruce and E. D. Carson, who, being by me duly sworn upon oath, say that the resolution purporting to be signed by them and others appearing in the Fort Worth Record and the Daily Texarkanian of April 26, are without foundation; that no meeting of any kind was held; that we never heard of Cone Johnson; that we do not now and have never advocated the negro children being educated with white children; that the paper supposed to contain the resolutions was carried around by a negro who asked some others to sign it, without explaining it to any one.

HENRY SIMS,  
P. B. BRUCE,  
E. D. CARSON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of April, 1908.

T. B. LENOX,

Notary Public, Bowie county, Texas.

The above is a true copy of affidavit.

Another thing about this DeKalb lie: These resolutions from DeKalb, and other places were printed in circular form, and were circulated in the rural districts, even of Anderson county, before the Post or Record reached Palestine, showing conclusively that this work was done by one or both of these organs, or was executed or sanctioned by the Bailey central campaign committee.

In the language of Joe Bailey, "May the good Lord have mercy on the souls of liars."

### AT THE TEMPLE.

Rosabelle Leslie Company Will Visit This City Next Week.

An advance notice says:

The annual engagement of the Rosabelle Leslie Co. occurs at the Temple Theatre for two weeks, when they will appear for twelve nights and four matinees. Miss Leslie's management this season has provided for her a remarkably alluring collection of standard comedies and dramas, in

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### ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the city council of the City of Palestine, Texas, it is hereby ordered that an election be held on the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1908, for the purpose of submitting to the property taxing voters of said city the following proposition:

Shall the city council of said city levy an additional tax of 15c on the 100 dollars valuation for the support and maintenance of the public schools in and for said city?

Voters favoring said tax levy shall have printed on their ballots "For the Additional Tax of 15c on the \$100 for School Purposes," and voters against the tax levy shall have printed on their ballots "Against the Additional Tax of 15c on the \$100 for School Purposes."

The voting places for said election shall be as follows: For the 1st Ward at Court House, with J. D. Moore as presiding officer; 2nd Ward, at City Hall, with Phil Jander as presiding officer; 3rd Ward, Y. M. C. A. Building,

## TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

Tenth Anniversary of the Battle of Manila Bay—Admiral Dewey Congratulated.

Special to the Herald.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—A bushel basket would not begin to hold the letters and messages of felicitation and good wishes that poured in upon Admiral George Dewey today on the tenth anniversary of the battle of Manila bay. Many of the messages were from personal friends. Others came from admirers scattered throughout the country. The unusual number of the greetings was probably due in a large measure to the appeal recently issued by the New York Alumni Association of Lafayette College, calling upon municipalities and institutions of learning throughout the United States to observe "Dewey Day" by forwarding a message of love and sympathy to the hero of Manila bay.

The conflict in Manila bay on May 1, 1898, wrought a great change in the career of the United States as a world power. However unforeseen may have been the events which followed, those in authority in 1898 were by no means unaware of the immediate possibilities of the program which caused Commodore Dewey to hold his ships at Hong Kong, where he had assembled his force of the Asiatic squadron during the latter part of February. It is now well understood that the policy of strengthening and providing these ships with ammunition was urged upon the government by Theodore Roosevelt, then assistant secretary of the navy. In

engagement. This remarkable disparity of results was perhaps the first revelation to the world of the great superiority not only of the American ships and guns, but of the American gunners as well. A short time later, early in July, the demonstration was repeated, off Santiago, when the fleet under Admiral Sampson destroyed the Spanish vessels fleeing from the harbor, and with the loss of only a single American seaman.

In the ten years that have elapsed since the Dewey victory momentous changes have occurred. The United States has settled down to an acceptance of a new responsibility. The machinery for the evolution of a system of self-government in the Philippines has been set in motion. Schools have been scattered throughout the islands and have materially raised the standard of intelligence. The United States navy in the same period has been almost doubled in strength and the feat of sending a mammoth battleship fleet on a voyage around the world has attracted universal attention and comment.

Ten years also have wrought a great change in the fortunes of men who were in command on "Dewey Day." Admiral Dewey is now the active head of the American navy. Of the captains, none is now on the active list. Coghlan of the Raleigh was retired with the rank of rear admiral, and now makes his home in New York City. Walker of the Concord lives in Annapolis. Dyer of the Baltimore is now a retired rear admiral and lives in Massachusetts. Gridley of the Olympia to whom the famous command to begin battle was given; Wood of the Petrel and Wildes of the Boston, are dead. Several of the officers

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with Chas. Jacobs as presiding officer; 4th Ward at Old Compress Office, with E. A. Williamson as presiding officer. And that this order and notice be published in the official paper of the city of Palestine for not less than thirty days prior to said day of election, viz: June 2nd, A. D. 1908.

(Seal) JNO. R. HEARNE,

Attest: Mayor.

S. P. ALLEN, City Secretary.

### Praises Palestine Schools.

Prof. T. P. Junkin, inspector of schools, and one of the A. & M. College faculty, was a visitor to Palestine Wednesday, and he examined the public schools here. He was more than pleased with the work being done here. He said as much to a Herald man. He said Palestine was fortunate in having competent teachers and officers at the head of her schools.

### Mrs. Harry Everett Honored.

Mrs. Harry Everett of this city was honored at Austin by being elected Grand Chief of the Pythian Sisters, grand lodge of Texas. This makes the Palestine lady chief executive of this splendid lodge, a compliment well bestowed, and very highly appreciated by Mrs. Everett's numerous friends in Palestine and elsewhere.

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view of the more immediate interesting events close at hand the operations in the Asiatic waters were almost forgotten by the general public.

Only a languid interest was taken in the report that Commodore Dewey had been ordered by the British government to leave Hong Kong, although war had not then been formally declared. When President McKinley issued a proclamation of war Dewey sailed from Hong Kong for Manila bay, a neighboring harbor, and there prepared for his work. The government ordered Dewey to attack and destroy the Spanish fleet. It was not known how dangerous this force might be to American shipping in the Pacific. In any event, the Philippine Islands were Spanish territory, and as such were open to attack as a means of weakening the enemy. Furthermore, Dewey was far from home and needed a harbor for his ships. No better shelter offered than the harbor of Manila.

When the first news of the engagement in Manila bay arrived, ten years ago today, after the first wave of national exultation came a feeling of apprehension. For the first time in a great many years an American naval force had engaged a foreign enemy, and the country wondered as to the cost of the victory. It was hoped that it would be light. The early reports, relating the destruction of the Spanish fleet, indicated such a heavy fire that the people dreaded lest the details would bring tidings of a heavy sacrifice of life on the victorious side. Commodore Dewey's prompt action in cutting the cable held off all details for days. It was not until one week after the battle, on the 7th of May, that the astounding news came that not a single life had been lost in the

of lower grade who took part in the battle of Manila bay are now in command of some of the battleships in Admiral Evans' fleet, while still others are holding responsible positions as heads of bureau departments, commandants of navy yards, etc.

### Arbor Day In Michigan.

Special to the Herald.

Lansing, Mich., May 1.—Pursuant to the proclamation of Governor Warner, today was observed at Arbor Day throughout Michigan. The observance was confined principally to the holding of special exercises and the planting of trees by the public schools.

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In no case shall any one be permitted to use water for sprinkling streets or sidewalks unless special terms be made for same.

Permits for sprinkling lawns will be issued from May 1st to November 1st not to exceed four hours in any one day, nor at any other time than between the hours of six and eight a. m. and five and eight p. m., which shall constitute the season for sprinkling, and for which the entire payment must be made in advance, according to the season rates.

In case of fire, no hose shall be used other than for the fire, and there shall be no other use of water except as absolutely necessary so long as the fire pressure is on.

Any person violating any of the foregoing rules shall forfeit all payments made and the supply of water shall be at once stopped without any notice, and shall not be again turned on without an extra charge of \$1.00 for the trouble of turning off and on.

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